

G-II-C-098

C. 1880

Bruce O. Yommer House

Jennings

Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Bruce O. Yommer House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bear Hill Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Jennings

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Bruce O. Yommer

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Bear Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Jennings

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The facade's entrance is located slightly north of center. 3/1 windows light the house. Plain flat boards capped by a prominent drip molding frame the openings. The house stands on a stone foundation. Insul-brick sheathes the walls. An exterior brick stove-flue chimney heats either gable end.

The front porch has been enclosed by concrete block at the cellar level. The porch posts are chamfered.

The first floor plan consists of a central boxed stair flanked by a room to either side. On the second floor, a central hall opens into two rooms above either first floor room.

The first floor's north room serves as a kitchen. A fine storage cupboard is built into the northwest corner. Two long, glazed, eight-pane doors are located above two short single-panel doors.

The cellar is whitewashed. Here log joists, hewn on two sides, are visible.

The main house is constructed of vertical planks covered by tongue and groove horizontal boards nailed to the interior. The vertical planks forming the walls are visible in the attic. Interior walls are board partitions. Exposed joists, with no apparent paint or whitewash, are smoke-darkened.

The interior of this house, including the furnishings, has been altered very little.

A small frame barn on a stone foundation is located west of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bruce O. Yommer has lived in this house for all of his 62 years. During this time the house has changed very little. Mr. Yommer's parents owned the house before him. He believes a man named Bender built the house.

The building's exposed joists and board walls are rare survivors, showing the original interior appearance of a plank house. Changes such as plastered ceilings and plastered, papered, or panelled walls usually obscure the original features of such houses. It is the natural evolution of plank houses to receive additional layers of materials, on both the interior and exterior as the owner's fortunes permit

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

July 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

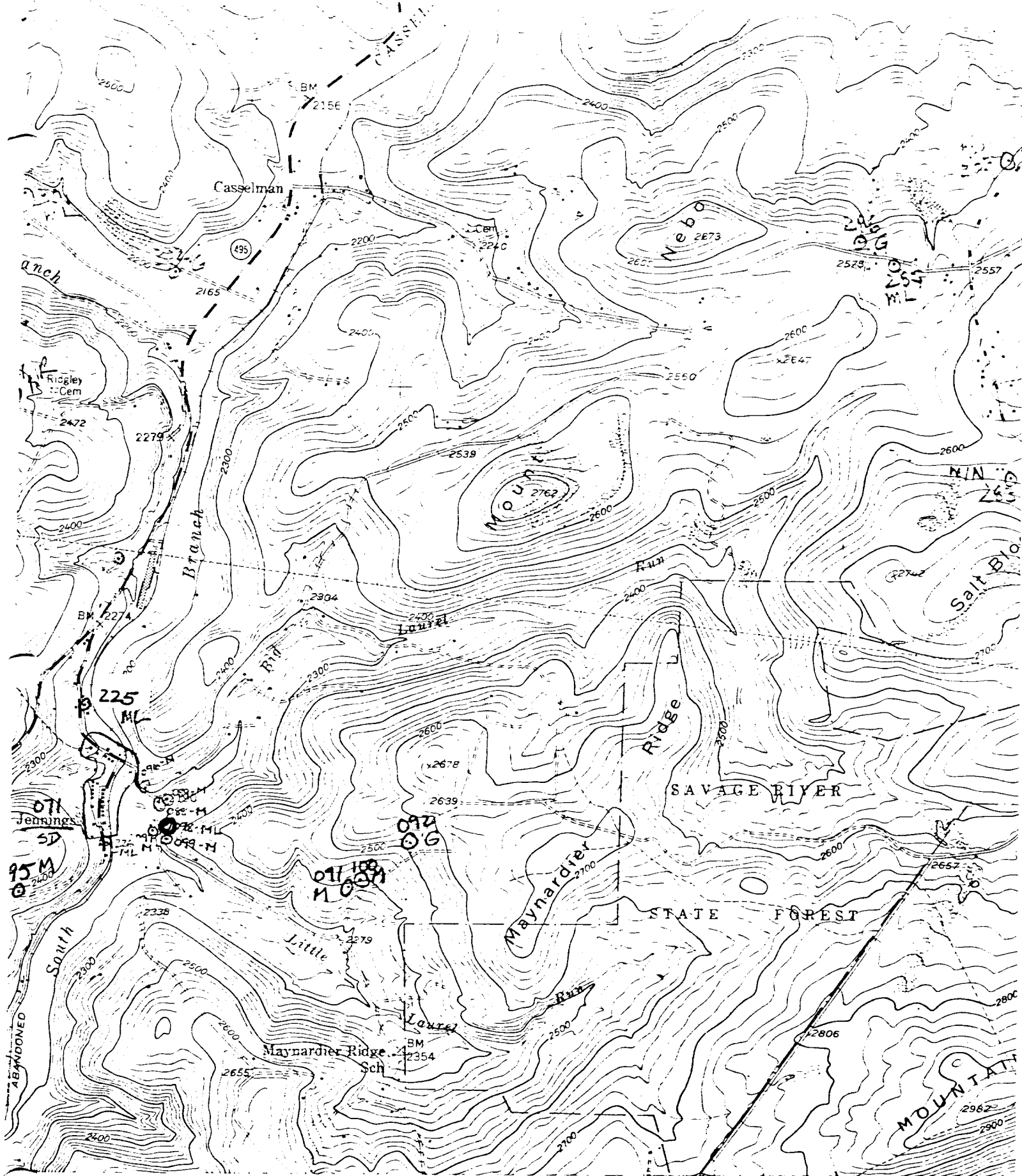
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Maryland 21401

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Facade W elev. S elev.



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N elev.